

HOUSE RESOLUTION 312
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A RESOLUTION to commend James M. Kinnard for his exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, James M. Kinnard is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper; James' work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, James has achieved academic success while majoring in political science, minoring in English, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, James Kinnard brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, born on May 3, 1984, James Kinnard is the son of Renee Kinnard and Charles Drye, and a 2002 graduate of Dupont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, receiving the call to serve in the ministry, Mr. Kinnard was licensed to preach the Gospel on December 15, 2002, at First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown under the pastorate of Reverend Kevin L. Nelson, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful Christian, James Kinnard is President of the Mount Zion College Ministry at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a diligent worker and devoted professional, Mr. Kinnard has served as a legal intern for Forbush-Moss Law Office, a sales associate for Sears, Roebuck and Company, and a mentor with The Lighthouse, which helps at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, James Kinnard has donated his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations, including Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, which he serves as a charter member; Golden Key International Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International, which he serves as vice president; the University Honors Program; the Aristocrat of Bands, which he serves as a member of the Dance Routine Committee; the Bring Relief and Inspiration Near program, which he serves as Chaplain; and the Student Election Commission, which he served as co-Chair of the Publicity Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, James Kinnard has been named to the Dean's List for seven consecutive semesters, and he was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, James Kinnard has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnard has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend James M. Kinnard for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Barbara Cooper and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.